

10 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Acting Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: McCarran Committee investigation of the [redacted] matter

ATTACHMENT: Administrative Instruction [redacted]
subject: Control of Personnel Security Files

1. The attached Administrative Instruction quotes the full text of a memorandum received from the White House dated March 13, 1948, in which it is stated inter alia: "Any subpoena or demand or request for information, reports, or files of the nature described, (all reports, records and files relative to the loyalty of employees or prospective employees) received from sources other than those persons in the executive branch of the Government who are entitled thereto by reason of their official duties, shall be respectfully declined, on the basis of this directive, and the subpoena or demand or other request shall be referred to the Office of the President for such response as the President may determine to be in the public interest in the particular case. There shall be no relaxation of the provisions of this directive except with my express authority."

2. Mr. [redacted] has requested that I inform you that in his opinion, as well as that of Mr. Pforzheimer, this Agency should refer to the Office of the President any subpoena or demand for the appearance of any member of this Agency before a congressional committee to testify on matters related to the loyalty of governmental employees. More specifically, if Mr. [redacted] should be subpoenaed or otherwise called upon to appear before the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee in connection with the [redacted] matter, the subpoena or other demand should be referred to the White House with a request for a determination and instructions as to the course to be followed. In connection with such referral to the White House, it would be appropriate for this Agency to point out the reasons for our concern as to what confidential and classified matters might be disclosed as the result of such appearance.

FRANK G. WISNER

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ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES:

Quotes text of White House memo dated 13 March 1948 re: action to be taken re subpoenas or other demands for appearance before Congressional Committees.

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